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feet deep, under the branches of a floating dead tree, or among other debris, so that it is almost impossible to get within capturing distance without alarming it. Its size is 4 to 5 inches from snout to vent. The call is heard at any time, day or night, from deeply wooded bayous, oftenest in March, April and May.

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## FISHES IN POLLUTED WATERS

For many years the tidal reaches of the Schuylkill River to the Fairmount dam in Philadelphia have been greatly polluted, suggesting the impression that they support little or no fish life. I have recently received a number of fishes from this region, through Mr. W. E. Meehan, the Director of the Philadelphia Aquarium, besides notes on others not sent. The most interesting was a gizzard shad (*Dorosoma cepedianum*) captured from a small run during the past October. Those species commonly noted are *Anguilla chrisypa*, *Notropis hudsonias amarus*, *N. amœnus*, *Cyprinus carpio*, *Carassius auratus*, *Catostomus commersonii*, *Ameiurus nebulosus*, *Fundulus heteroclitus macrolepidotus*, *Ambloplites rupestris*, *Eupomotis gibbosus*, *Micropterus salmoides*, *Perca flavescens* and *Boleosoma nigrum olmstedii*. Species of more or less unusual occurrence were *Pomolobus pseudoharengus*, *Salmo fario*, *Ameiurus catus*, *Esox reticulatus*, *Pomoxis sparoides*, *Lepomis auritus*, *L. incisor*, *Micropterus dolomieu* and *Morone americana*.

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